

**UPDATE ON A JOINT COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR
INMATE MEDICAL SERVICES**

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Significant efforts are underway by certain county jail officials to analyze the feasibility of forming a consortium to collectively obtain medical/dental/mental health services through a coordinated RFP Process.

This will be a multi county approach.

County and regional jails showing interest in this multi county initiative are:

1. Cumberland County Jail ;
2. Androsoggin County Jail;
3. Two Bridges Regional Jail;
4. York County Jail ; and
5. Penobscot County Jail.

Invitations were extended to all county and regional jails to participate.

This informal medical services group had an initial meeting at the Cumberland County Government Center in Portland on Thursday, January 26, 2012. At the meeting, the group heard opening remarks from BOC Chair Colonel Mark Westrum and Cumberland County Peter Crichton and held a roundtable discussion on the status of the county's inmate medical contracts. They also talked about developing possible options to consider as well as follow-up recommendations resulting from these discussions.

There was a conference call for group participants on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Cumberland County's inmate medical consultant Phil Holescher led the discussion. County jail representatives discussed what they are doing for inmate medical services and what they may want for services with a multi county approach. There were 14 participants on the conference call.

The next meeting of the informal medical services group is Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the Peter Feeney Memorial Conference Room in the Cumberland County Government Center in Portland.

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